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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Intelligence)  
 Deputy Director (Support)  
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SUBJECT: Planning Proposal for Reporting System

1. Over the past year I have become increasingly interested in the separate initiatives being taken by all CIA offices in the direction of speedier communications and reporting. I refer to [redacted] thinking (ex CRITIC) about moving routine information to Washington analysts in twenty-four hours, to the development of rapid communications devices by the Office of Communications, and to the testing of the Teletape scheme in the clandestine Services. I think it has become apparent that these and similar ideas are not individually independent projects which can be separately implemented, but rather with proper planning could become part of a mechanically integrated communicating and reporting system with a highly promising potential of improved, speedy intelligence transmission. I am aware also that the Services are moving ahead in this direction and have contracts and studies underway with industry to bring this about within a short number of years.

2. I would like to propose, therefore, that we establish an Agency Planning Group for a mechanically integrated intelligence system which would include qualified representatives of those components whose contribution is essential. Without wishing to limit membership, it would include, I would assume, [redacted] for the DDI, and representatives of OCR and OCI. The DDS would probably wish to be represented by a planning officer and by members of the Office of Communications, the Office of Security, and the Management Staff. The DDP would be represented by the Assistant Executive Officer, [redacted], and the Deputy Chief of the Requirements Staff, [redacted].

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5. I would appreciate your reactions to this proposal.

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